GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an order for purchasing computer network equipments worth 20 crore rupees was placed during 1998-99 under the National Agriculture Technology Project (NATP) in ICAR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the order was placed with such a firm which paid the amount of bid security/earnest money in rupees while the amount for above purchases was sought in dollars;

(d) if so, whether it was not contrary to the terms of purchase deal alongwith the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. However, value of the contract for the procurement of Computers & Peripherals was Rs. 12,56,91,876.56.

(b) Contract No. 12(6)/99-NATP dated 09.02.1999 for procurement of 13 items costing Rs. 12,56,91,876.56 (including AMC) was placed on M/s SIEMENS Nixdorf Information Systems Ltd.

(c) No, Sir. As per the Bid Document, the bid security was required to be furnished of a value of Rs. 25,00,000/- or equivalent, in the currency of the bid or in any other freely convertible currency, which was specified as US dollar.

In so far as the bid of M/s SIEMENS Nixdorf Information Systems Ltd., is concerned, the price was quoted partly in US dollars and partly in Indian Rupees and bid security was submitted in Indian Rupees. The order was also placed partly in US Dollars and partly in Indian Rupees.

(d) No, Sir. It was not contrary to the terms of purchase and contract was finalised after clearance by the World Bank.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.